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Assume appropriate US media are making as much as possible of Mikoyan's protracted stay in Cuba, particularly towards Latin America, but also to bloc. His remaining there while, e.g., his wife was buried Moscow and important party decisions are in making in preparation for November 19 Central Committee plenum, attest to overriding importance Soviet regime now ascribes to necessity having reliable and authoritative overseer in Cuba.

One effective line might be to liken "Don Anastasio" to Spanish viceroy.

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